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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY. EGYPTIAN AMB IN TRIPOLI VIEWS FUTURE OF RELATIONS WITH LIBYA PESSIMISTICALLY AND WITH SOME FOREBODING. EGYPT PLANS TO CONTINUE AND EVEN STEP UP PRESSURE ON QADHAFI REGIME.

2. DURING MEETING JANUARY 19 EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TUHMAI COMMENTED EXTENSIVELY ON WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS BAD AND DETERIORATING RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND LIBYA. AMBASSADOR REITERATED THAT EGYPTIAN COMPLAINTS AGAINST LIBYA INCLUDED LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP OF THE ANTI-SADAT/NASSERITE ORGANIZATION IN LIBYA AND EGYPT, LIBYAN SPONSORED SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES IN EGYPT AND THE FROZEN EGYPTIAN ACCOUNTS IN LIBYAN BANKS AMOUNTING TO SOME 17 MILLION DOGTARS. THE AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT THE

LIBYANS ARE REORGANIZING THE NASSERITE ORGANIZATION AMONG EGYPTIANS IN LIBYA AND SEEKING TO RECRUIT YOUNG EGYPTIAN STUDENTS TO EXPAND IT. NASSERITES WERE RESPONSIBLE

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FOR SABOTAGE IN EGYPT AND MIGHT BE BEHIND CURRENT RIOTING.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID HE FELT SSOMEWHAT INSECURE IN TRIPOLI THOUGH ACTIVE SURVEILLANCE HAD DECREASED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF EGYPTIAN AND/OR SUDANESE MILITARY INTERVENTION IN LIBYA WAS STILL POSSIBLE PROVIDED THERE WAS A SUITABLE INTERNAL SITUA-

TION TO WARRANT IT. HE FELT THAT IN SUCH A CASE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO OPEN ATTACK. EVEN UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES THE POSSIBILITY OF A LARG INSPIRED DEMONSTRATION COULD NOT BE RULED OUT. AMBASSADOR CLAIMED HIS CYPHER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM NOW INSECURE BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE LIBYAN PENETRATION WITH SOVIET AID. ACCORDINGLY, HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAIRO TO USE ONLY COURIERS.

4. TUHMAI SAW LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR MEDIATION NOTING THAT GUINEA'S SEKOU TOURE'S ATTEMPT HAD FAILED BECAUSE LIBYANS HAD REFUSED TO AGREE TO DISCUSSION OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. TITO, CURRENTLY IN TRIPOLI, WAS UNLIKELY TO TRY AGAIN THIS AREA HAVING ALREADY FAILED ONCE.

5. AMBASSADOR VIEWS QADHAFI AS FEELING INCREASINGLY INSECURE. HE TELLS VISITING DIGNITARIES THAT SADAT INTENDS TO KILL HIM. HE HAS GROWING CONCERN OVER WHAT HE SEES AS ENCIRCLEMENT BY EGYPT, SUDAN, CHAD AND POSSIBLY TUNISIA. POLICY OF THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO TUHAMI, WILL BE TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THIS NERVOUSNESS. ACCORDINGLY, FORMER RCC MEMBER MUYHAYSHI IS TO BE UNLEASHED AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE OVER EGYPTIAN RADIO WHICH NOW REACHES EVERY HOME IN TRIPOLI. ALSO SADAT HIMSELF WILL MAKE FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS REGARDING QADHAFI'S EVIL AND IRRATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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6. THOUGH CHARITABLY SUGGESTING QADHAFI PERHAPS UNAWARE OF EVERYTHING BAD THAT HAPPENED IN LIBYA, TUHMAI DOUBTED POSSIBILITY OF EVER REACHING A VIABLE UNDERSTANDING WITH HIM. HE SUGGESTED US "SHOULD GET RID OF HIM." I REPLIED THAT US FOUND QADHAFI VERY DIFFICULT INDEED BUT CERTAINLY WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERFERE IN INTERNAL LIBYAN AFFAIRS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY AS TO WITH WHOM AMONG PRESENT LIBYAN LEADERS EGYPT MIGHT POSSIBLY WORK, AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY HAD VAGUE AND INDIRECT APPROACHES FROM PRIME MINISTER JALLUD WHOM THEY REGARDED AS TOUGH AND CRUDE BUT REASONABLY OPEN. AT THE SAME TIME IF SEPARATION BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN LIBYA DEVELOPED, EGYPTIANS THOUGHT THAT RCC MEMBER KHAROUBI MIGHT WELL BECOME THE LEADER OF THE EASTERN PORTION AND WAS SOMEONE WITH WHOM THEY MIGHT ALSO WORK.

8. TUHAMI SPOKE MORE THAN HE LISTENED BUT WAS  
INTERESTED IN EXTENT OF US SUPPORT FOR C-130  
MAINTENANCE. I EXPLAINED STATUS OF LOCKHEED TECHNICAL  
GROUP AND BASICS OF US/LIBYAN POLICY. WE AGREED TO  
KEEP IN TOUCH. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE DISCUSSED LIBYAN  
POLICY AT LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOMIN FAHMY  
DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS IN CAIRO. I LEAVE IT TO  
MY COLLEAGUES IN CAIRO TO ASSESS THE AUTHORITY OF HIS  
SOMEWHAT FEARSOME PREDICTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.  
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